IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DAVID DEWEES RICHARDSON : CIVIL ACTION

: NO. 07-4677

v.

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MELVIN LOCKETT, et al.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 24th day of February, 2009, upon careful and independent consideration of the pleadings and the record herein, and after review of the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Arnold C. Rapoport, and having received no objections thereto, it is **ORDERED** that:

- 1. The Report and Recommendation is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.
- The Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 is
 DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE and DISMISSED without an evidentiary hearing.
- 3. There is no probable cause to issue a certificate of appealability.

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